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HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH AIR FORCE  
Office of the Asst. Chief of Staff, A-4

(F-SJG-frvr)

APO 650, US Army,  
24 October 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding General, NAAF.  
SUBJECT : Report on Airdromes in Italy.

1. HEEL AREA

Location	Type Runway	Date Ready
Lecce	Hard Surface	Now
San Pancrazio	Hard Surface	Now
Manduria	All weather but not H.S.	Now
Campo Casale	Hard Surface	Now
Cioia Del Colle	All weather but not H.S.	Now

2. FOGGIA AREA

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Foggia Main

Nov. 10

b. In Order of Construction:

Amendola	PSP	Nov. 7
Foggia #2	PSP	Nov. 7
Foggia #1	PSP	Nov. 7
Foggia #3	PSP	Nov. 17
Foggia #7	PSP	Nov. 17
Farm #11	PSP	Nov. 17
Cerignola	PSP	Nov. 17

3. NAPLES AREA

Monte Carvino	PSP	Now
Gaudio	PSP (Now laying)	Oct. 31
Capodicino	All weather turf	Now
Pomigliano	Concrete	Now
Cercola	All weather dirt	Now

Two additional fields, all weather but not PSP, will be available within ten (10) days.

4. Conclusions:

a. Hard surface runways are available in the Heel Area during November for three Heavy Bomb Groups. They can be supplied and tonnages are now being set up for this purpose.

b. Eight (8) hard surfaced runways will be ready by 30 November in Foggia Area. These fields may not be available for Heavy Bombardment,

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but this is a command not a logistical question.

c. Sufficient fields for TBF exist in NAPLES Area. They can be supplied and supported there.

d. Three Heavy Bombardment Groups can be supported in Sardinia, replacing the three Medium Groups at the end of November. (Note: It is assumed that mission of B-26 Groups in Sardinia requires operation for 30-days.)

5. Recommendations (From logistical viewpoint only):

a. Three Heavy Groups from sources outside this theater be sent to the Heel Area upon arrival.

b. Three Heavy Groups from North Africa be sent to Sardinia on or about 30 November.

c. Three Heavy Groups from sources outside North Africa be sent to Foggia Area in December.

d. The three remaining Heavy Groups in North Africa be sent to Foggia Area or split between Foggia and Heel Area in December.

e. The Heavy Groups scheduled for Italy, three in each of the months, January, February and March can be accommodated in the Foggia and Heel Areas.

Note 1. - When mention is made of the Heavy Bomb Groups, the long range Fighter Groups are considered, for the purpose of this paper, to be a complement thereof and are included in the estimates.

Note 2. - See overlays attached for location of airdromes.

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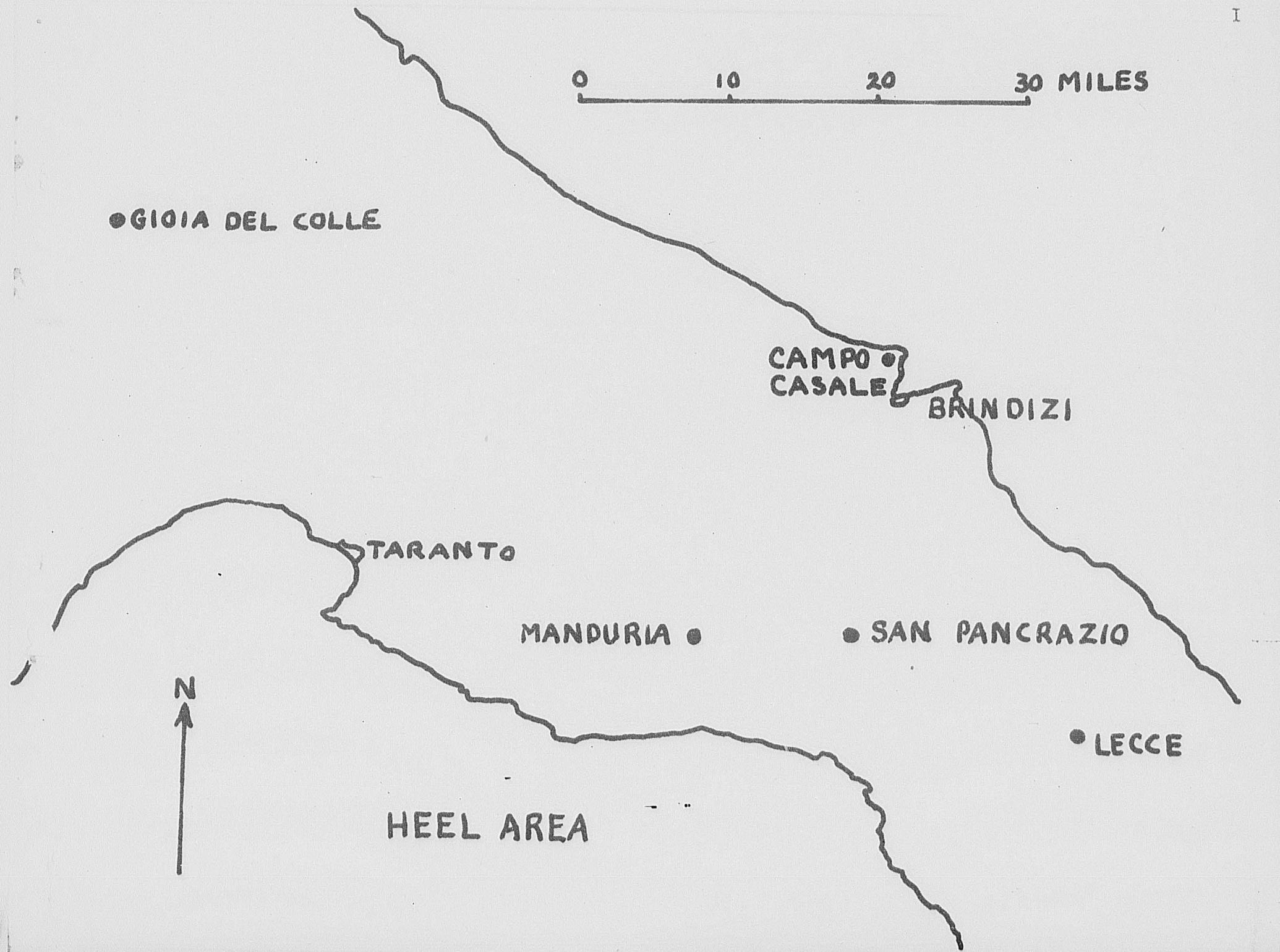
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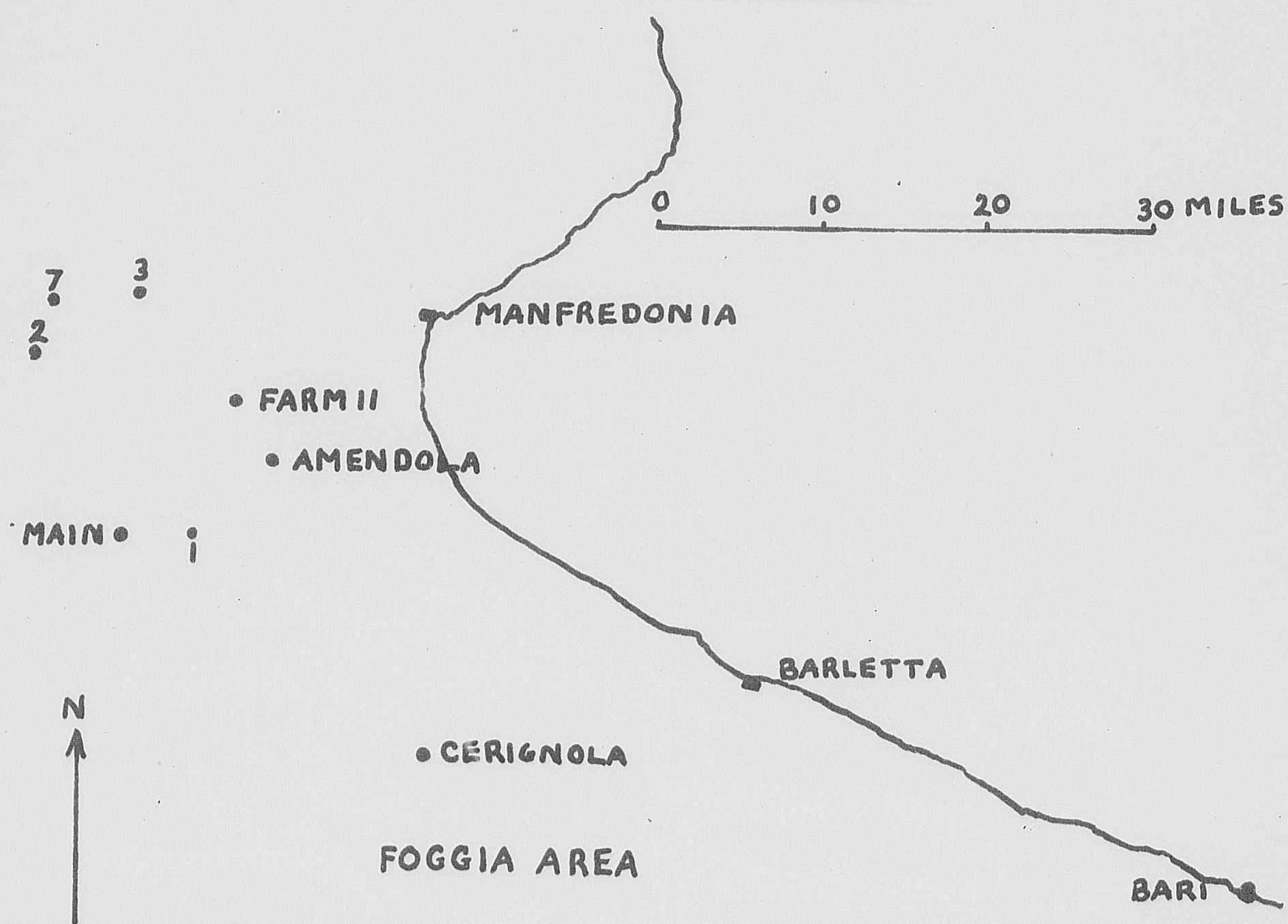


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